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SUBJECT: UDA SUSPENDS VIOLENCE

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1. ULSTER DEFENSE ASSOCIATION (UDA) HAS DECLARED 24-HOUR "CEASEFIRE" FOR SEPTEMBER 16 AFTER ANOTHER DAY OF SPORADIC HIJACKING AND BURNING OF VEHICLES IN PROTESTANT AREAS. IN ONE INCIDENT GROUP OF WOMEN PREVENTED YOUTHS FROM BURNING BUSES. DECISION BY UDA BELFAST INNER COUNCIL FOLLOWED (A) AGREEMENT BY NORTHERN IRELAND OFFICE TO DISCUSS ALLEGATIONS OF BRUTALITY WITH TWO LOYALIST POLITICIANS (REPORTEDLY MEMBERS OF PAISLEY DEMOCRATIC UNIONIST PARTY) AND (B) DECISION BY NUMBER OF WOMEN FROM SHANKILL AREA TO VISIT LONG KESH/MAZE PRISON TODAY.

2. GOVERNMENT AND PRISON OFFICERS ASSOCIATION CONTINUE TO DENY EXCESSIVE FORCE USED TO QUELL DISTURBANCE SEPTEMBER 10. NORTHERN IRELAND OFFICE POINTED OUT DEMANDS FOR INDEPENDENT INQUIRY WERE UNREALISTIC IN VIEW EXISTENCE INDEPENDENT BOARD
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OF VISITORS WHICH WILL MAKE REGULAR VISIT TO LONG KESH/MAZE

THIS WEEK.

3. "OFFICIAL" PEACE MOVEMENT (CORRIGAN/WILLIAMS') HAS DENIED THAT ORGANIZATION HAS APPROVED INVOLVEMENT IN CONTROVERSY TO EXTNT ANY ITS MEMBERS HAVE AGREED VISIT MAZE ON BEHALF UDA. MOVEMENT ORGANIZERS ARE DETERMINED RESIST ATTEMPTS TO PORTRAY IT AS SYMPATHETIC TO ANY PARAMILITARY ORGANIZATION.

4. SOME LOYALISTS INCLUDING ORANGE ORDER LEADER THOMAS PASSMORE ARE DEPLORING UDA VIOLENCE. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF ALLIANCE PARTY BASIL GLASS HAS REITERATED PARTY CALL FOR UDA TO BE DECLARED AN ILLEGAL ORGANIZATION.SPICER

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